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TODAY and TOMORROW

A Futile Meeting

THE German Foreign Minister, Von Ribbentrop, is reported to have indicated in a Press Conference in Berlin, that the Stalin-Roosevelt-Churchill Conference is being held at some Rumanian Black Sea port. Anti-Axis news agencies, however, while vaguely hinting that this may be correct, would seem to be rather shy of coming out with a clear-cut statement on the subject. Why are they making such a mystery of this meeting of the so-called Big Three?

They have good and sufficient reasons to fear that this tripartite talk will prove the beginning of the end of the Anglo-American-Soviet collaboration. As everyone knows, the only link that has held these three powers together during the last four years is their common hatred of Germany. Apart from this, their interests are patently irreconcilable. Some Americans and some British may on occasion hold forth as if John Bull and Uncle Sam were blood-brothers. But this cannot dispose of the fact that, behind this smoke-screen of much-publicised sentimentality, there is quite a lot of mutual suspicion and jealousy between America and Britain. America rightly or wrongly thinks that Britain was enjoying before this war too great a monopoly of the world markets, and now aims at wider opportunities for her own financiers and industrialists in the post-war world. The Wall Street has its eyes glued particularly on such vast regions as China, India and the Middle East, but these are the very countries which the City of London covets with all its heart.

But great as is the divergence between American interests and British interests, it is not half so great, compared with the divergence between the Anglo-Americans on the one hand, and the Soviets on the other. America and Britain are Capitalist States, while Soviet Russia is a Communist State. It is an article of faith with every communist that there can never be any permanent compromise between Capitalism and Socialism. And Stalin is no exception.

The anti-Axis camp, therefore, is seething with conflicting interests, mutual hatred and suspicion, discord and disharmony. Their differences are fundamental and chronic, and are absolutely irreconcilable. In the circumstances, one need not be a prophet to foretell that the Big Three Meeting will only end in further disunity in the anti-Axis camp.

Acute Manpower Shortage Evident In United States

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America Feels Pinch Of Heavy Losses Both In Pacific And Europe

(By Kiyoshi Kojima, Domei Political Correspondent)

Tokyo, Feb. 5 (Domei)—The manpower shortage situation in the United States must be extremely serious according to available reports. Admitting that beyond any doubt, was the action by the House of Representatives last week in passing the "work or fight" bill to force every man between 18 and 45 into some phase of the war effort in which the Draft Board decides he is needed, with those refusing subject to fines up to $10,000 or five years imprisonment or both, or else be subject to induction for general duty.

The fact is that America's attrition has been extremely heavy in all theatres of the war. War Secretary Stimson disclosed last week that American casualties up to the end of last year reached 720,000, but that this is very much underrated needs no argument.

Heavy American casualties in Europe and the Pacific were definitely admitted by the United States War Department itself when it revealed last week that physically fit men previously assigned to non-combatant duties overseas are being converted into infantry at the rate of 10,000 men a month. This serious situation was brought out even more lucidly by Under-Secretary of War Patterson, himself, when he disclosed that approximately 500,000 men from army installations in the United States too have been reassigned and are in process of going overseas as infantry replacements.

Belated Announcement On U.S. Naval Losses

Lisbon, Feb. 6 (Domei)—The United States Navy Department today announced the loss of the American submarine "Tang" while on war patrol in an undisclosed locality and the loss of the oil tanker "Fort Lee" by torpedo action in the Indian Ocean last November, according to a Washington dispatch. The "Tang" was the 37th American U-boat admitted lost since the start of the war.

Meantime, a New York dispatch said that 17 persons are believed to have been killed and 122 others injured today when two tankers collided and caught fire in New York Bay. Two other ships were also said to have been set on fire as the result of the burning of high octane gasoline which was spread over the water by the colliding tankers.

INDIA'S MILLIONS SOLIDLY STAND BEHIND DEMAND FOR COMPLETE FREEDOM

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Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit Exposes Vile British Propaganda Tactics

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The irresistible strength of the united front against British Imperialism in India, is revealed in the latest reports received here. According to a report from Washington, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, in an interview with the "Washington Star" declared that in India today both Hindus and Muslims are one in their demand for complete independence for India, and that there is no difference whatever between Hindus and Muslims in regard to their main political objective.

Continuing Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit denounced British propaganda tactics, and declared that the so-called communal bogey in India is purely a British creation. The British have deliberately sought to exaggerate the religious differences between the Hindus and Muslims, said Mrs. Pandit. But this type of vicious British propaganda today stands self-condemned, said Mrs. Pandit.

Meanwhile, British capitalists and financiers are panic-stricken over the mounting anti-British revolution in India which is steadily weakening British political power in the country. They are worried over the future which affords them no prospect of exploiting the resources of India economically and industrially. This was openly admitted by a well-known British industrialist, George Nelson who is a director of the English Electric Company.

According to a New Delhi report yesterday, George Nelson stated that the main problem facing British financiers and industrialists today is the mounting anti-British feeling in India. Obviously minimising the seriousness of the situation, George Nelson declared that there is no co-operation whatever between India and Britain. Indeed, in the opinion of well-informed financial observers, this war will see the end of British exploitation of India.

Manila Defenders Wage Heroic War Against Foe Forces

Tokyo, February 6 (Domei)—Dai Honyei at 4 p.m. announced: "Part of the enemy forces on the evening of February 3 penetrated into a corner of Manila City from the northern direction.

"Our units intercepted the enemy and, entrenched at important points inside and outside the city, are fighting courageously."

(By a Domei War Cor.)

At the Luzon Front, Feb. 6 (Domei)—Part of enemy tank units which had been driving southward along the eastern section of the central Luzon plain, finally at dusk on Feb. 3 dashed into the northern corner of Manila City, while about the same time airborne troops descended at Calocaan, in the outskirts of Manila.

With troops stationed at key points throughout Manila City and also entrenched in strongly fortified positions in the hilly sector east of the city, Nippon forces are now engaging the enemy in battle inside and outside of Manila.

Nippon Forces Take Heavy Toll Of Enemy Troops On Poro Island

(By a Domei War Cor.)

A Nippon Base at the Philippine Front, Feb. 6 (Domei)—The Nippon garrison unit on Poro Island during a 20-day period has inflicted more than 500 casualties on approximately 3,000 enemy forces which landed on Jan. 18 on this tiny island situated in the Camotes Sea between Leyte and Cebu Islands. Storming enemy positions in incessant night attacks, our units are exacting a heavy toll from the invaders.

War results scored by the Nippon defenders ascertained to date follow: Blasted and set afire two mountainguns, five tanks, 30 bivouacs, one motor lorry, two landing vessels and made immobile one landing vessel. Captured, four heavy machineguns, ten light machineguns, four automatic rifles, and 99,000 rounds of ammunition. Casualties inflicted number more than 500 enemy troops.

German Nation Determined To Fight To Finish

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Nippon Journal Comments On Three Power Confab Now In Session

Tokyo, February 6 (Domei)—The German declaration made previous to the present three-power conference among the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union, that any political plot aiming at tricking Germany into surrender is totally ineffective, is clear indication that the German nation is fully determined to fight to the finish, the Mainichi today editorially asserted. Referring to the three-power conference the paper said it was convened on February 1 but the place of the meeting was not disclosed, which is apparently for attracting world attention or for the sake of safety.

The journal pointed out that the German declaration forestalling an enemy political plot, is of great significance because in view of the present development of the war situation against Germany it is quite natural for the enemy to try his usual tactics of lowering the morale of the German nation by means of a propaganda plot. As the German authorities pointed out, the enemy will try his utmost to entice the German people by offering Germany peace terms with certain revisions of the "unconditional surrender" insistently proposed since the Casablanca parley, the journal stated.

The journal said the United States is up to its old trick with which it enticed the German nation to abandon its war efforts in World War No. 1. However, the paper declared, Germany has not forgotten enemy peace terms in 1918 when it put faith in Wilson's 14 points not one of which was realized.

Churchill Meets Stalin & President Roosevelt

Lisbon, February 6 (Domei)—The first definite statement that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill is now in conference with Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and American President Franklin Roosevelt was made today at the World Trade Union Conference in London by Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary, according to a Reuter's dispatch.

Citrine was quoted as saying that arrangements had been made for Churchill to address the Conference but "since that arrangement, a conference was arranged between the great powers and it is now taking place at this very moment."

Island-Wide Nippon Language Examination

Syonan, Feb. 6 (Domei)—Aiming at determining the proficiency of the public in the Nippon language, an island-wide Nippongo examination, open to all students of Malai's new lingua franca excepting those in Government service, will be conducted commencing the middle of this month under the auspices of the Education Bureau of the Special Municipality.

The examination will be conducted according to the following four grades, viz., preparatory, elementary, intermediate and advanced, and will consist of two parts written and oral. Only those who passed the written examination will be examined orally, but the final results will be based on the results of the two parts of the examination.

Candidates who are successful in the examination will be awarded proficiency certificates by the education authorities.

France Falls Victim To Anti-Axis Blunders

Lisbon, Feb. 5 (Domei)—The distress in France is more serious now than in the days of German occupation, declared the Manchester Guardian in a report on the situation in France. The paper stressed that lack of foodstuffs, shortage of coal and inadequate transport conditions as well as unemployment and inflationary tendencies were determining the daily life also in other countries occupied by the anti-Axis.

The effect which this state of affairs is likely to have on the relations of France to Britain and the United States as well as other Allied countries is regarded by the paper as "extremely serious." France is a victim of the great blunders of the Allies, the paper concluded.

Coal Shortage Hampers U.S. War Production

Lisbon, Feb. 5 (Domei)—Coal shortage in the United States has caused such acute transport difficulties in the eastern coast states that vital war factories have had to cut down working hours, according to a dispatch received here.

Thousands of homes in New York State are without any fuel whatsoever, the dispatch said. The city of Rochester introduced a five-day working week in an attempt to save coal.

Office To Aid Emigrants Now Opened In Penang

Penang, Feb. 6 (Domei)—To offer guidance and aid to emigrating workers and settlers a new government department known as Wellesley's Emigrants' Application Office has been opened here. Matters in connection with the settling of farmers in agricultural settlement are thus expected to be efficiently dealt with.

Kampar Presents Plane For Defence Of Malai

Ipoh, Feb. 2 (Domei)—Community representatives of Kampar, centre of the mining district in Kinta, yesterday called on Governor Naokata Kawamura to present $100,000 for the purchase of a warplane for the Imperial Forces for the defence of Malai

Germans Stiffen Resistance On Eastern Front

Berlin, February 5 (Domei)—The stiffening of German defence characterises the situation on the Eastern Front, according to frontline dispatches. The effects of German Government counter-measures are making themselves felt more and more as shown especially by the fact that the Russians themselves were unable to report any new successes from the fronts on the middle course of the Oder, from Pomerania or from the regions of penetration in the corridor between West and East Prussia.

On the other hand the Soviet Command has shifted the centre of its attacks to the sector on both sides of the Brieg on the upper course of the Oder and to the southern front in East Prussia. In the central sectors re-grouping on a large scale is obviously going on and it appears as if Marshal Zhukov is at the moment waiting for further development of the deployment of strong infantry forces from the depth of his concentration area.

Between Oppeln and Breslau on the upper Oder after drumfire of artillery Marshal Koniev's troops launched an attack from their bridgeheads on both sides of the Brieg across the Oder with strong infantry and tank forces. After an initial gain of ground by the enemy, German counter-measures began to have effect which developed into extremely grim fighting. North of Breslau in the Steinau bridgehead a German counter-attack also made headway in an extremely grim struggle. The Soviets lost here 32 tanks in the past 24 hours. Against the belt of defence outside Frankfurt on the Oder and Kuestrin, the Soviets intensified their attacks without, however, achieving noteworthy successes. By their attacks from the north-east and south-east, however, the Russians were able to reduce the German bridgehead on the eastern bank of the river outside Frankfurt and to gain ground in the direction of the town. In southern Pomerania between Pyritz, Deutschkrone and north-east of Jastrow German troops warded off renewed Soviet attacks.

In East Prussia the grim fighting showed no sign of abatement. Especially severe fighting is going on near Wormditt, Bartenstein and on both sides of Koenigsberg against superior enemy forces. Fifty-three Soviet tanks were destroyed. German naval forces repeatedly joined in the fighting on the East Prussian coast and brought relief to German army formations. Grim fighting was also reported in Marienburg and Elbing.

The German garrison of Budapest was given appreciable relief by German bombers and fighter planes.

Western Front

The lull before a generally expected big onslaught of the Anglo-Americans on the Western Front continued, German military experts said today. At the front of the 21st British Army group and American Ninth Army severe artillery fire developed east of Nijmegan, near Julich and Duren. British terror formations dropped bombs last night on western Germany causing damage especially to the residential quarters of Bonn and Godesburg.

Retaliation fire on London was continued yesterday. German submarines torpedoed in waters around England seven ships totalling 54,000 tons and two escorting ships, the German communique announced.

Gallantry Of Air Attack Corps Now Vividly Narrated

Tokyo, February 2 (Domei)—The gallant members of our special attack corps by their daring, self-sacrificial efforts have reached the highest position a Nippon-jin can attain spiritually, declared the Asahi war correspondent who has just returned from the Luzon front—cynosure of the Pacific war. He said most striking was the manner in which members of the special attack units trained themselves for their vital task and their calm everyday behaviour.

The correspondent disclosed that Nippon body-crashing tactics had been kept a closely guarded secret so that at first even war correspondents attached to our air force despite hobnobbing with our airmen had no inkling that such an unprecedented, unbelievable method of attack had been planned.

Members of the "Fugaku" and "Banda" special attack units acted like any other ordinary fliers while on the ground, leading astray correspondents on the scent of news, the correspondent said. He added that war correspondents saw groups of aviators conducting what appeared to be everyday training. On their planes were installed extremely large calibre bombs which were powerful enough to break a regular enemy aircraft-carrier in two. He said these planes were cleared of fixtures as much as possible to make room for extra bombloads.

On those specially rigged aircraft the airmen were practising power-diving against a small target. None of these war correspondents however suspected these planes were meant to be used in bodycrashing attacks. The significance of the specially rigged planes as well as the diving attacks of their pilots were revealed to correspondents in an announcement made by a staff officer on the eve of the initial bodycrashing assault. The officer said those who wanted information on the assault by our special attack corps to be caried out the next day against enemy vessels in Leyte Gulf might visit the base.

It was unbelievable, the Asahi's correspondent said, that such young, carefree pilots would calmly carry out attacks by such an unheard of method. But, strictly on schedule the "Banda" unit went out after the enemy on Nov. 12, while the "Fugaku" unit followed up with an attack on Nov. 13 on the eastern offing of Luzon Island.

Members of both units never returned. When the members of these units took off, their demeanour was the same as in practice hops which they had intensively conducted up to the very last day.

Third Fixed Deposit With Bonus Campaign

The Malai Banking Association will inaugurate the Third Fixed Deposit with Bonus, for the purpose of collecting Bank deposits, which is one of the important economic factors in Malai at present.

All Nipponese, Chinese and Indian Banks operating in this country will act as handling banks, the period of handling being from February 15, 2605, to March 15, 2605.

Applications for deposit must be made during the handling period. The depositors will receive an allotment number for every deposit of $100. The rate of interest will be 3 per cent. per annum and the period of this fixed deposit shall be for one year.

The application numbers will be grouped according to each group of 10,000 units for deposits of $10 lakhs (1,000,000), and so forth. Cash will be paid for the Bonus.

The following are the prizes:—Savings Encouragement Prize, $50,000.00 One only; Special Prize, $10,000.00 One only; First Prize, $1,000.00 One for each group; Second Prize, $500.00 Two for each group; Third Prize, $100.00 Five for each group; Fourth Prize, $50.00 Thirty for each group; Consolation Prize, $300.00 One for each group; (for the same numbers in different groups as the winning number of the Savings Encouragement Prize).

Pre-Pro Prize, $200.00 Four only. (For the ending number preceding and proceeding the Savings Encouragement and the Special Prizes).

A feature of the Third Fixed Deposit with Bonus is the offer of better and more prize monies to the public. There is the Savings Encouragement Prize of $50,000, in addition to the usual 'Special Prize' of $10,000. The Consolation Prize is increased from $100 to $300.

There is also the 'Pre-Pro Prize' of $200 (for the ending number preceding and proceeding the winning numbers for the Savings Encouragement and the Special Prizes).

Nippon Counter-Attacks Enemy Paratroops

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, February 4 (Domei)—Nippon forces are counter-attacking enemy paratroops, approximately one regiment strong, which landed at Tagaytay, 30 kilometres east of Nasugbu west of Batangas.

More Paratroops Landed In Vicinity Of Aga

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, Feb. 6 (Domei)—In a further attempt to reinforce enemy troops on Luzon Island, about 70 enemy transport planes on the morning of Feb. 4 landed paratroops in the vicinity of Aga, east of Nasugbu.

Foe Ships Attacked Off Lubang Island

A Nippon Base at the Philippine Front, Feb. 5 (Domei)—A Nippon surface unit on the afternoon of Feb. 1 attacked a group of enemy transports in the northern offing of Lubang Island, situated north-west of Mindoro Island, and sank or set ablaze six or seven enemy ships.

Banking Association's New Malai Day Program

The Malai Banking Association is sponsoring a Savings Propaganda and Encouragement Programme in connection with the Memorial Week of the Third Anniversary of the Birth of New Malai.

The programme consists of a musical concert at the Dai Toa Gekijo, a movie night (theatre not yet decided), the publication in English of a booklet in commemoration of the third anniversary of the Birth of New Malai, radio broadcasts on savings by community representatives, distribution of leaflets containing simple explanation of each kind of bank deposits, and the issue of a memorial stamp.

Selangor To Launch First State Lottery

Kuala Lumpur, February 3 (Domei)—For the first time in the history of Selangor, the Seicho is sponsoring a state lottery for the benefit of the public.

The first issue of 150,000 tickets is scheduled to be placed on sale from February 11 to March 10. Tickets are $2 each. The draw will take place on March 15 at the Selangor Kosei Kai-kan.

Prizes amounting to $150,000 will be distributed. The first prize is $50,000. The rest are as follows: 2nd prize (two tickets) $10,000; 3rd prize (three tickets) $5,000; 4th prize (five tickets) $1,000; 5th prize (20 tickets) $500; 6th prize (50 tickets) $100; 7th prize (1,500 tickets) $10; 8th prize (15,000 tickets) $2.

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